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By: Michele QuarantoAMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application for patent as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-62 and amend claims 77, 78, 82-84 and 88-90 to read as set forth below:

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1. (Amended) A kit for use in screening a sample of body fluid for autoantibodies to (i) a thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) receptor, or (ii) at least a TSH receptor fragment, which kit comprises:
- (a) a source of (i) a TSH receptor or (ii) a TSH receptor fragment, said (i) TSH receptor or (ii) TSH receptor fragment each having at least first and second distinct epitope regions, wherein autoantibodies to said (i) TSH receptor or (ii) TSH receptor fragment bind to said first epitope region but not said second epitope region;
 - (b) at least one antibody, or fragment thereof, that binds to said second epitope region of said (i) TSH receptor or (ii) TSH receptor fragment;